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TAGS: PORG, UN, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: APPROACH TO WALDHEIM

REFS: A) STATE 194953 (NOTAL), B) USUN 2619

1. I ACCOMPANIED FCO UNDER SECRETARY MANSFIELD AND
UKUN DEPUTY PERM REP MURRAY ON MEETING WITH
SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN VIENNA AUGUST 18, AT
WHICH TIME MURRAY MADE ORAL PRESENTATION ON NAMIBIA
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS.
PRESENTATION FOLLOWED PRECISELY TEXT SET FORTH
REFTEL B. (I GATHERED FROM MURRAY IN PRIVATE PRE-
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BRIEF SESSION THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANTICIPATED
TEXT CONTAINED USUN 2651--TEXT WHICH EMBASSY
DID NOT RECEIVE UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY.)

2. MURRAY EMPHASIZED THAT THE TWO PRINCIPAL
PROBLEMS EMERGING FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH

SWAPO--NATURE OF TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION
AND TIMING OF WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY
FORCES--CAME AS NO SURPRISE.

3. AS REGARDS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UN SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL DURING
TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, WALDHEIM EXPRESSED VIEW THAT "APPROVAL"
VS. "SATISFIED WITH" FORMULA REPRESENTED REAL PROGRESS.
MURRAY THEN STRESSED NEED TO MOVE AHEAD AT PRESENT
JUNCTURE ON ADVANCE CONTINGENCY PLANNING BY UN
SECRETARIAT, SINCE SWAPO HAS NOW INDICATED IT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO SUCH PLANNING. WALDHEIM UNDERSTANDABLY
MADE NO COMMITMENT, BUT SAID HE WOULD CONTACT HIS
NEW YORK OFFICE SAME DAY AND WOULD ASK TO HAVE DRAFT
READY FOR HIS CONSIDERATION ON AUGUST 29, DATE OF
HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK. WALDHEIM ADDED THAT HE WOULD
BE IN NEW YORK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2, AND HE HOPED DURING
THIS PERIOD TO BE ABLE "TO PUT FORWARD SOMETHING
HELPFUL."

4. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WALDHEIM INSERTED
COUPLE OF CAUTIONARY REFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO UN
PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA, E.G., "FIRST TIME FOR SUCH A
LARGE-SCALE CIVILIAN OPERATION" AND "WE MUST
PROCEED CAREFULLY SO AS NOT TO PROVOKE COUNCIL OF
NAMIBIA." IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, HE APPEARED TO SHARE
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MURRAY'S APPRAISAL THAT SWAPO MAY HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY
IN ITS POSITION THAN IN PAST AND HE CHARACTERIZED
BRITISH PRESENTATION AS "VERY HELPFUL."

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